

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

9:00 A.M.

Room 519 House Office Building

Chairman Bieda called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Bieda, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor, Wenke, Calley. (14/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Condino, Meisner, Palmer. (3/17)

Representative Meltzer moved to adopt the minutes from the November 1, 2007 meeting. There being no objection, the minutes were approved.

Representative Robert Jones moved to excuse absent members. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

Chairman Bieda laid **HB 5327, HB 5328, HB 5329** and **HB 5330** before the committee.

HB 5327	Bieda	Business tax; other; compensation credit for insurance companies; revise.
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HB 5328	Bieda	Business tax; other; tax imposed on insurance direct premiums; modify.
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HB 5329	Bieda	Business tax; other; compensation credit for insurance companies; revise.
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HB 5330	Bieda	Business tax; other; credit for certain charitable contributions; include insurance companies.
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Chairman Bieda, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Jim Miller, representing the Michigan Insurance Coalition, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5327, HB 5328, HB 5329** and **HB 5330**.

Joseph Olson, representing the Michigan Insurance Coalition, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5327, HB 5328, HB 5329** and **HB 5330**.

Peter Kuhnmuensch, representing the Insurance Institute of Michigan, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5327, HB 5328, HB 5329** and **HB 5330**.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 5327**, **HB 5328** and **HB 5329**.

Larry Kish, representing the Life Insurance Association of Michigan, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5327**, **HB 5328**, **HB 5329** and **HB 5330**.

Frank Venuto, representing the American Council of Life Insurers, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5327**, **HB 5328**, **HB 5329** and **HB 5330** but did not wish to speak.

Representative Meltzer moved to report **HB 5330** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Bieda, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor, Calley. (13/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Mike O’Callaghan, representing the Detroit Metro Convention Bureau, testified before the committee on the service tax.

John Lovell, representing the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Travel Agents, testified before the committee on the service tax.

Carol Wagner, representing the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Travel Agents, testified before the committee on the service tax.

Lisa Hoehn, representing Passageways Travel Services, testified before the committee on the service tax.

Amy Frankmann and **Gary Boverhof**, representing the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association, testified before the committee on the service tax.

Peter Kuhnmuench, representing the Insurance Institute of Michigan, testified before the committee on the service tax.

Tricia Kinley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified before the committee on the service tax.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Bieda** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:46 a.m.